

Sir Joseph Prestwich, Shoreham, near Sevenoaks, Kent, Eng., June 25, 1896.

Prof. Josiah D. Whitney, Cambridge, Mass., August 19, 1896, æt. 77.

Mr. Lewis A. Scott, Philadelphia, August 11, 1896, æt. 77.

Mr. Henry D. Wireman, Philadelphia, May 30, 1896, æt. 50.

Prof. Hubert Anson Newton, New Haven, Conn., August 12, 1896, æt. 66.

The President was requested to appoint members to prepare obituaries of L. A. Scott, H. D. Wireman and Gabriel Auguste Daubr e.

A letter from Prof. Branner was read transmitting a paper on the "Marine Fossils of the Coal Measures of Arkansas," by Dr. J. P. Smith.

On motion the paper was referred to a committee for examination and report.

Pending nominations 1332, 1334, 1357, and new nominations 1358 and 1359 were read.

On motion of Mr. Tatham, the President was requested to appoint a representative of this Society at the International Congress of Geologists, to be held in St. Petersburg, Russia, in 1897.

On motion, Dr. D. G. Brinton was appointed the representative of this Society at the International Congress of Americanists in Havre in 1897.

The rough minutes were read and approved, and the meeting adjourned by the presiding member.

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*Stated Meeting, September 18, 1896.*

Curator, Dr. J. C. MORRIS, in the Chair.

Present, 9 members.

Correspondence was submitted as follows :

From the President, appointing Messrs. Cope, Lyman and

Prime a Committee to examine the paper on "The Fossils of the Coal Measures of Arkansas;" Dr. G. R. Morehouse to prepare an obituary of L. A. Scott; Prof. J. P. Lesley that of Gabriel Aug. Daubrée.

Dr. Frazer was appointed to represent this Society at the International Congress of Geologists to be held in St. Petersburg in 1897.

Letters of envoy from the Académie R. Suédoise des Sciences, Stockholm; Soc. R. de Géographie, Anvers, Belgique; Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

Letters of acknowledgment from the Royal Society of N. S. W., Sydney (148, 149); Public Library, Wellington, New Zealand (148, 149); Geological Survey of India, Calcutta (149); Hungarian Academy of Science, Budapest (143, 146-149); K. K. Sternwarte, Prag, Bohemia (149); Gesellschaft für Erdkunde, Berlin, Prussia (149); Library of Bonn, Prussia (149); Geographical and Statistical Soc., Frankfurt a. M. (143-146, 149); K. Leop. Carol. Akademie, Halle a. S. (149); Kolonial Museum, Haarlem, Holland (149); Verein f. Thüringische Geschichte u. Alterthums, Jena, Germany (149); Phys. Okon. Gesell., Königsberg (148); R. Instituto di Studi Superiori, Firenze, Italia (148, 149); Prof. E. Levasseur (148, 149), Marquis de Nadaillac, Paris, France (149); Meteorological Office, London, Eng. (149); Prof. A. Agassiz, Cambridge, Mass. (149).

Accessions to the library were reported from the Observatoire Impérial, Constantinople, Turkey; Anthropological Society, Tokyo, Japan; Ponasang Missionary Hospital, Foochow, China; Dr. Aristides Brezina, Vienna, Austria; K. P. Meteorologische Institut, Berlin; Mr. A. C. Tannert, Neisse, Prussia; Physikalisch-Oekonomische Gesellschaft, Königsberg, Prussia; R. Accademia di Belle Arti, Milan, Italy; Institut International de Statistique, Rome, Italy; Ministre des Travaux Publics, Dr. E. T. Hamy, Paris, France; R. Academia di Ciencias y Artes, Barcelona, Spain; Linnean Society, Cobden Club, Meteorological Office, London, Eng.; Université Laval, Quebec; Mr. Wharton Barker,

Prof. E. D. Cope, Philadelphia; Commissioner of Labor, Washington, D. C.; Ohio Archæological and Historical Society, Columbus; Society of Natural History, Cincinnati, O.

The death of Prof. G. Brown Goode, Director of the U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C., September 6, 1896, æt. 46, was announced.

Dr. Brinton read a paper on the "Vocabulary of the Noanama Dialect of the Choco Stock."

Dr. Horn spoke of the difficulties of reporting these unwritten dialects owing to the absence of a standard of pronunciation. He also adverted to the evident use of the "r" sound, which was absent in the Indian dialects of western America.

Dr. Frazer suggested the use of the symbols made by the phonographic stylus, as he had described them in a paper read before this Society, April 5, 1878.

Pending nominations 1332, 1334, 1357, 1358, 1359 and new nominations 1360 and 1361 were read.

The rough minutes were read and approved, and the Society adjourned by the presiding member.

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*Vocabulary of the Noanama Dialect of the Choco Stock.*

*By Daniel G. Brinton, M.D.*

*(Read before the American Philosophical Society, Sept. 18, 1896).*

In the *Proceedings* of this Society for November last (Vol. xxxiv, pp. 401, 402), I presented a short vocabulary of the Andagueda dialect of the Choco stock, obtained by Mr. Henry Gregory Granger on the upper waters of the Atrato river, Colombia, South America.

During the summer of the present year, Mr. Granger visited the west coast of Colombia, and at the mouth of the river San Juan (N. lat. 5°) met a tribe of about fifty Indians, who spoke an idiom, said not to be understood by those of the interior or the other coast tribes. They are still rather primitive in culture and have the peculiarity of piercing their ears to form apertures about half an inch in diameter, in which they insert bunches of sweet-smelling herbs.